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Northern Railway	804226
North-Central Railway	117276
North-Eastern Railway	66677
North-Frontier Railway	160575
North-Western Railway	242985
South-Western Railway	218119
South-Central Railway	224270
South-Eastern Railway	122135
South-East Central Railway	81399
South-Western Railway	162888
Western Railway	226769
West-Central Railway	60080
Metro Railway	1697
TOTAL:	3070535

Arrest of passengers

†2848. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some passengers were arrested on the charge of fake tickets while travelling from Kahalgaon to Tundla by train on 16th October, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of passengers;

(c) whether later on, it was proved in the investigation that there was signature of booking clerk on the tickets and these tickets were issued by ticket counter of Kahalgaon;

(d) if so, the action taken against such corrupt employees; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) the steps Government have taken to withdraw the cases against arrested passengers and to give them proper compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One passenger named Sh. Kishan Sahni was arrersted on the charge of providing fake Blank Paper Ticket (BPT) from Kahalgaon to Tundla station of Farakka Express dated 15.10.2005 to three passengers.

(c) and (d) The concerned booking clerk who has appended his signature on the BPT has been taken up for major penalty under Disciplinary and Appeal Rules. He has since been posted at a Non-Cash handling seat at Jamalpur. A case against him is also *sub judice* in Railway Magistrate Court, Bhagalpur.

(e) the case has not been withdrawn by the Government and the same is *sub judice*.

New rail line projects in Andhra Pradesh

2849. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of new railway line projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned, released and spent for these projects during last three years till date and the total additional funds required for completion of each of these projects; and

(c) the time schedule fixed by Government for completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The required details of various ongoing/ sanctioned new line projects falling/partly in Andhra Pradesh are mentioned as under:-